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PERSONAL

D. M. Sayers, of Joplin, Mo., is the guest of Hon. M. E. McDonald. Benjamin Jones, of Jeanesville, organizer of the United Mine Workers, was in the city yesterday.

THAT POULTRY ORDINANCE

It is to be discussed by the Sanitary Committee. The sanitary committee of common council will meet tomorrow evening for the first time in about six months, for the purpose of formulating a report on Mr. Harvey's ordinance compelling butchers to sell poultry with the head, feet and entrails removed.

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WHO AUTHORIZED PLUMBING AT NO. 35?

QUESTION AGITATED SCHOOL BOARD LAST NIGHT.

Building Committee Presented a Bill of H. S. Battin for \$765.98 for Work Done on No. 35, and Wanted to Know Who Authorized It—Mr. Battin Is Mr. Barker's Brother-in-law, but the Letter Said He Didn't Authorize Work. Barker Was "Real Cunning."

The retiring board of control wound up its affairs last evening in a veritable haze of glory by furnishing a delightful little caustic and heated debate on the question—Who authorized plumbing work amounting to \$765.98 in No. 35 school building? It was claimed by some that Mr. Barker authorized the work done and the fact was pointed out that H. S. Battin, who did the work, is Mr. Barker's brother-in-law.

The matter was first brought up by Chairman Shires, of the building committee, who said that body had considered the bill and didn't feel justified in paying it until they knew who authorized the expenditure. The debate that followed was exceedingly lively. Mr. Barker explained that he left the matter to Superintendent of Repairs Davis, and the chairman of the building committee, Mr. Shires, thought at first that the work would only cost about \$10. Mr. Gibbons then made a few satirical remarks.

MR. GIBBONS' REMARKS. "Just look at this for extravagance! Look at this for a reckless way of doing business! I never authorized work amounting to even \$100 in my fifteen years on the board. Mr. Barker tries to lay it on Mr. Davis, but the truth is he ought to pay the bill himself. Mr. Barker is his brother-in-law and didn't see that that was any reason why he shouldn't get the work. He persisted in saying that Mr. Davis authorized the work."

Mr. Barker then stated that he didn't order the work done. He admitted that Mr. Battin was his brother-in-law and didn't see that that was any reason why he shouldn't get the work. He persisted in saying that Mr. Davis authorized the work.

Mr. Davis then took the floor by request and gave a little different version of the affair. He stated that he met Mr. Barker on the street and that the latter told him there was some work to be done right away at No. 35. Mr. Davis said he wanted to bring the matter before the committee, but Mr. Barker said that the work should be done right away and they couldn't wait for the committee. Mr. Davis asked who he should send and Mr. Barker said anyone he liked, but suggested Mr. Battin. Mr. Davis sent Mr. Battin up, and not knowing anything about plumbing, didn't know how much it would be.

DAVIS DIDN'T KNOW. This last remark prompted Mr. Gibbons to exclaim: "Look at that will you, Mr. Barker knew that Mr. Davis didn't know anything about plumbing and so he went to him. Look at that for cunning!"

Mr. Gibbons' motion to refer back to the committee was amended to read "to the committee, Engineer Phillips and the plumbing inspector," and was carried. Mr. Barker succeeded in having Mr. Gibbons included and said that if there was one foot of pipe charged for that was not put in he'd vote against the bill. Some one remarked that the question at issue was not that but was as to who authorized the work. The matter dropped here, however.

On the recommendation of the teachers' committee Miss Helen Penney was appointed teacher in No. 21 school to succeed Miss Maud Powers and Miss Mary Jordan was appointed teacher in No. 25 to succeed D. R. Davis.

The kindergarten committee recommended that the following kindergarten teachers be appointed: Miss Elizabeth Rice, director, \$10 a month; Miss Mary E. Clark, director, \$10 a month; Miss Clara Gregory, assistant, \$2 a month; Miss Susan M. French, assistant, \$2 a month. The teachers were all appointed and, thanks to the superior eloquence of Mr. Gibbons, the salaries of the two last were increased to \$25 a month.

The kindergarten committee reported that they had awarded the contract for supplying school pads to Reynolds Brothers, the price being \$18.50 a thousand.

BOOKS ORDERED.

A requisition for books made some time ago by Superintendent Howell was ordered filled, and a bill for furnishing school buildings, presented by Barber & Townsend and held up by the building committee on the ground that it was excessive. The order was paid.

Messrs. Eynon and Golden, the new controllers from the Fourth and Sixth wards, respectively, were interested spectators of last evening's proceedings, evidently with a desire of getting acquainted with school board parliamentary law, which is certainly unique to an ordinary layman.

RECORD OF CITY FIRES.

System That Chief Walker Is About to Employ. To facilitate the work of keeping an accurate list of all the fires in the city Chief Walker had printed a number of blanks which will be distributed among the fire companies throughout the city, accompanied with an order that the day following a fire they be filled out by the permanent men and returned to the chief's office.

These blanks contain spaces for the name, occupation and location of the burned buildings, its description, by whom insured, cause of the fire, number of feet of hose laid, and a number of other minor details.

A STROKE OF PARALYSIS.

Suffered by A. J. Merrill, of Horan & Merrill.

A. J. Merrill, formerly a member of the firm of Horan & Merrill, was stricken with paralysis, two weeks last Saturday. The infirmity has effected his right side and has rendered it useless.

At present he is recovering slowly from its effects, but is still confined to his bed.

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SYMPHONY CONCERT.

It is apparent that at last the Symphony orchestra is attaining to some degree the position it should firmly hold in the appreciation of the people of this city. That this appreciation has long been due is unmistakable. The pity of it is that the Scranton public is often as dilatory in according the just meed of encouragement to true merit in working reform in municipal affairs.

There was a full house last night, and this means a great deal for a concert in Scranton and especially on such a cold night, when the warm fireside offers such charms. The programme was undoubtedly the best yet given by the organization. A marked improvement was evident in every department over the status of last year. More confidence, more artistic capacity were undeniably prominent in the ensemble work.

In all this the highest tribute of praise is due Professor Theodore Hamberger, whose great gifts as a leader have heretofore received but meagre acknowledgment on this side of the water. That he has not done so is due to the fact that the material at hand in this city is also beginning to be realized.

The great Eighth Symphony of Beethoven filled the first part of the programme, and as all audiences are most enchanted with that which is familiar and the new, the albumen of the movement naturally was anticipated with most eagerness. It was given with a spirited delicacy of interpretation and a perfection of accord which surprised many fastidious listeners. The initial part a striking example of the capabilities of the orchestra under protracted training, and the last movement of the symphony was no less marked in the exposition of its unalloyed sentiment.

The audience cheered most for the second symphony and the singing of the Coronation March, and on this occasion, as on many others, the popular verdict goes to Meyerbeer's virile strains, the martial ring, the fluttering pennants, the splendor of his composition. The concluding overture of the coronation march, the noble swaying harmony being a fitting number for the finale. Nothing, however, was more definitely pleasing than the exquisite, pastellike intermezzo from Prothero's oratorio, "St. Peter. It was poetry in music, the accompaniment untrammelled by mechanism, and it was given with the distinct idea of identifying its charm.

Evans Williams received an ovation, one that was continuous and insistent from his first appearance on the platform. Indeed, the ovation was so warmly given that the conductor was scarcely generous to him when, after his initial number which was exhaustive in character he was evidently so reluctant to sing an encore. His rendition of the Meistersinger solo was a triumph of art. Above the singing of the violin and the cello, the laurel tree of which he sang, lifted the splendid voice, full of the dramatic fervor, the rich coloring, without which Wagnerian music loses its soul.

The encore, "All Through the Night," to which Mr. J. Willis Conant played a most sympathetic accompaniment, was the antithesis of the former solo. With its dim mysticism, its thrilling, pathetic sentiment, the great tenor reached the summit of artistic feeling. Naturally all interest centered in the Gounod number, "Lend Me Your Ear," from the Queen of Sheba. Those who heard Mr. Williams sing this piece, held yet the haunting memory of his tones. Those who had never listened to him previously felt an inexplicable tension of the nerves because of the expectant atmosphere.

Overcoming a slight hoarseness, before the close of the concert, he gave the most adequate conception of the aria in its magnificent climax that could be imagined. The resonant beauty of his climax in this great solo is something seldom equalled on the operatic stage. It affected his listeners like an electric shock of emotion. He was so gracious as to give two responses to encores, concluding with the dainty tender, "Sing Me a Song of Araby."

It is to be hoped that Mr. Evans Williams will pay us many a visit.

CANDIDATES WHO REGISTERED.

Men Republicans of the Second District Can Vote for. The Republican candidates in the Second legislative district who registered under the rules are as follows: Member of the Legislature, Hon. John Schour, Jr., 316 Elm street; Frederick Connell, esp., 717 Pine street.

The candidates for district are: Milton Lowry, esp., 601 Clay avenue; Louis Schwass, 535 Willow street; William J. Douglas, esp., 101 Olive street; and George Wirth, Jr., 717 Pittston avenue.

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FOUR MEN HURLED TO BOTTOM OF SHAFT

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT AT MT. PLEASANT COLLIERY.

While a Carriage Was Being Lowered Into the Shaft Yesterday Morning It Struck the Safety Fans at One of the Veins, the Bottom of the Carriage Was Torn From Its Fastenings and the Men Allowed to Drop to the Bottom.

At the Mt. Pleasant colliery, West Scranton, a few minutes before 7 o'clock yesterday morning, four men were killed, their bodies being precipitated to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 120 feet, without the slightest warning either to themselves or to the men working at the foot of the shaft. The victims were: FRANK WOODWARD, aged 21 years, of 217 Forest court; drill machine operator, married.

JOHN REGAN, aged 25 years, of 251 Railroad avenue; laborer. Leaves wife and two children.

THOMAS WILLIAMS, aged 23 years, of 105 Lafayette street; laborer. Leaves wife and two children.

WILLIAM GILBERT, aged 41 years, of 29 North Elmwood avenue; driver. Leaves wife and six children.

Ten workmen had entered the carriage to be lowered into the different mine workings, six of whom got off at the Dunmore vein. When the carriage began its further descent towards the foot of the shaft it struck one of the fans at the Clark vein, which are used to hold the carriage when cars are being run in and out of the opening.

There was a crash and the floor of the carriage was separated from its holdings on one side, throwing the occupants into the shaft, all of them falling headlong to the bottom.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Regan and Gilbert were instantly killed, their bodies being horribly mangled. Williams and Woodward were alive when found, but died shortly afterwards. Just what caused the accident is hard to determine, but the general supposition of the employees who are familiar with the workings is that some one who got off of the carriage on the previous trip had neglected to lock the fan and it slipped out of its place, causing the collision when the carriage was lowered afterwards.

That the above theory is plausible can be vouched for from the fact that John Hearn, the night engineer, had been lowering the men into the mine for some time before the accident occurred. The trip which ended so fatally was the first one made by Engineer Jonathan Hughes after relieving Hearn. The proper signals were given and everything was apparently safe until the carriage collided with the fans.

Remains were discovered at the foot of the shaft by Samuel McNichols, who was standing near by when the crash came. He notified the fire boss, James Coulter, and the bodies were removed to the surface and afterwards taken to the homes of the unfortunate victims. The bodies which ended so spread rapidly and hundreds of people were assembled at the head when the bodies were taken out.

MARRIED SIX MONTHS AGO.

The remains of Woodward were taken to Wymbs' undertaking establishment and prepared for burial and afterwards removed to the home of deceased's parents, 1123 Meade street.

The young man was married about six months ago and was employed by his brother-in-law, Bert Kasper. Regan's body was taken to his home on Railroad avenue and the remains of Williams and Gilbert were conveyed to their respective homes in the mine ambulance.

LANCER'S VALUABLES GONE.

He Suspects His Brother-in-Law of Having Taken Them. The police were yesterday informed by Jerry Lancer, of Oakford court, of his loss of \$100 in cash, two diamond rings, two watches, two gold rings, a breast pin and several other valuable pieces of jewelry, which disappeared from his home yesterday morning.

The news of the accident was spread rapidly and hundreds of people were assembled at the head when the bodies were taken out.

NO APPEAL ASKED FOR YET.

Mr. Lenahan Fails to Bring Little Case Before Supreme Court. No motion for an appeal was made in the Little case yesterday, though Mr. Lenahan, of counsel for the defense, was in Philadelphia and the supreme court was in session.

Local Institute.

The teachers of the sixth district of Lackawanna county will hold a local institute at Milwaukee Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock. A very interesting programme has been arranged. Prof. J. C. Taylor will be present and give an address. Other prominent educators are expected to address the institute. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

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WARRANTS WERE SERVED.

Councilman Coleman and Others Will Have a Hearing Tonight.

Warrants for the arrest of Common Councilman E. J. Coleman, of the Sixteenth ward; Anthony Scott, of Raymond court, and Henry Wilson and Samuel Bluestone, of Hallstreet court, were served last evening by Constable Davis, of Alderman Myer's court, these men being all charged with bribery, during last Tuesday's election, by Detective "Doc" Seidman.

The hearing will probably take place tonight between 7 and 8 o'clock, in Alderman Myer's office, unless the defendants in the case decide to waive a hearing and enter bail. Councilman Coleman, last evening, aired his views on the matter as follows:

"I don't know whether I will enter bail and waive a hearing, or have the case heard tonight. I am going to consult with my lawyer and will then decide. This case is beginning to take a farcical look, the charging of these men, Scott, Wilson and Bluestone being especially so. They are all good, honest men, all of them above taking a bribe."

Detective Seidman when seen yesterday afternoon, merely remarked that he had disposed of the warrants and expected them to be served any moment, and that a hearing would probably take place in the very near future.

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE.

The Department Heads to Explain Things Tonight.

The joint estimates committee meets this evening for the second time, and the various aggrieved heads of departments who looked with dismay at last Wednesday evening's ruthless slaughter of their estimates will be on hand to beg for quarter.

An effort is being made to have at least three or four extra policemen added to the pay rolls, but this is practically impossible, as in order to do it it would be necessary to take out an amount sufficient to cover salaries from the estimates of some other department already filed down to the thickness of a hair.

WOLF JOHNSON ARRESTED.

Charged With Keeping a Slot Machine on His Premises.

Wolf Johnson, the Penn avenue saloonkeeper, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a warrant issued by Alderman Howe at the instance of Chief of Police Frank Robbins, who charged him with illegally keeping on his premises a nickel-in-the-slot gambling machine. The machine itself was confiscated and taken to the central police headquarters. It is one of the larger kind of the Bergon-Monardock order.

Johnson received warnings regarding the machine Friday night when all the proprietors of establishments in which machines were kept were warned that the market money was confiscated. Johnson utterly disregarded this and Saturday evening in fact there was a row in his place, caused by a disappointed man who sauntered about \$2 on the machine without winning anything. The hearing in the case was postponed until this morning.

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